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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following amended paragraph:

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[0002] The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Ser. No. 09/515,956, filed on Feb. 29, 2001 the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference. The present application is related to U.S. patent application Ser. No.09/842,371 filed concurrently herewith, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace paragraph [0036] with the following amended paragraph:

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[0036] In one embodiment, the section [[s]] 14 may have a conventional threaded cap, see FIG. 1C, inserted into the sleeve with the caps in a head to head relationship. The section 15 is preferably in the form of a conventional lip stick cap although it can be similar to section 14. See FIG. 1C. Alternatively, the cap for section 14 or 15 can be as shown in FIG. 1D. In this embodiment the portion of the sleeve in which the section 15 is present may relatively longer than the portion of the sleeve for section 14. The caps have a side wall 17, an end wall or head wall 18 and an open end 19, the interior of which may

be threaded. As seen in FIG. 1D only a portion of the interior 17A may be threaded. The side wall 17 may be as shown in FIG. 1D or the entire sidewall may be without a recess portion 17B. When two caps are inserted into the sleeve, the end wall 18 of each [[are]] is typically in contact with each other or the sidewall 16. The open ends 12 and 13 of the sleeve 11 correspond to the open end 19 of the caps [[19]]. The body or sleeve 11 may be any length but it is preferably only of sufficient length to contain the pair threads or other receiving means for receiving a pair receptacles as well as the center wall, if present, that separates the products contained in each receptacle. The sleeve 11 may be made of any suitable material such as a metal or plastic, preferably a polished or matte metallic finish. Where caps are inserted into the sleeve, the central body 11 may also be any length but is preferably only of sufficient length to accommodate the caps at the first and second ends and the end walls of the caps. Where a pair of threaded caps are placed in a head to head relation in the sleeve preferably, the center axis 20 of each cap is preferably generally lined up with the other cap in a generally straight line. In addition, the center axis 21 of the sleeve and the center axis 20 of each of the caps preferably similarly line up in a generally straight line.[[.]] Although depicted with the caps in an end to end relation, one skilled in the art will appreciate that the ends need not be in a head to head position but rather, the heads may be off set.

Please replace paragraph [0039] with the following amended paragraph:

A 4 [0039]In one embodiment, as shown in FIG. 1 one of the receptacles 22 and 28 is preferably intended for a product containing a fragrance including but not limited to a

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perfume product. Other products that may be packaged therein include facial products such as powders, creams concealers, blemish control materials, cosmetic serum, etc. In addition, the receptacle 22 may contain a lip product such as a lip stain, a clear lip gloss, a liquid product, etc. The product contained in receptacle 22 may be any product that contains a fragrance and can be a liquid, a semi-liquid or pasty consistency or [[an]] a solid. The perfume product may be dispensed in any suitable fashion such as by a small orifice in the threaded end of the receptacle. Alternatively, the perfume may be dispensed by means of a spray applicator removably connected to the receptacle. The eye product may be a mascara[.], an eye liner, etc. In another embodiment the eye product may be dispensed by a rollerball arrangement in a receptacle similar to the receptacle 22 as described above, by an applicator 26 that extends from the cap into the receptacle or other suitable means.

[Please replace paragraph [0040] with the following amended paragraph:

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[0040]As shown in FIG. 1 the container of the present invention may have a perfume product in one receptacle 22 and [[an]] a lip product in the other receptacle 28 in a single dual product package. As discussed above the perfume product may be dispensed by any suitable means. The lip product may include a lip stick, a lip gloss, a lip stain, a lip liner, etc. The lip product may be in the form of a stick 29. If the lip product is a pasty material, the lip product may be dispensed by means of an applicator of the type shown in FIG. 14, i.e., a soft flexible absorbent material that is on the end of an applicator stick or a brush. In another embodiment a pasty lip product may be dispensed by means of a receptacle

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having on its end, a flexible material having an orifice in generally the center of the tip. This applicator is preferably used with a receptacle that is flexible and which may be gently squeezed to facilitate the movement of product from the receptacle to the tip where it will be applied to the user. In this embodiment the center axis 21 of the sleeve, the cap 20 on the lip applicator and the receptacle 22 are the same. The cover of the lip applicator has threading that forms a band, which secures the cover and protects the cosmetics. In another embodiment the receptacle may have a base that turns forcing product from the orifice in the manner shown in our copending U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/515,956 filed Feb. 29, 2000. Similarly, a plunger type arrangement may be present whereby pressure on the plunger forces product to be dispensed from an orifice in the tip of the receptacle. In a preferred embodiment, the applicator tip of the receptacle is made of a soft flexible material such as a soft plastic and given a profile that is angled to give it a shape similar to a traditional stick of lipstick for ease of application.

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Please replace paragraph [0041] with the following amended paragraph:

[0041] In addition to the embodiments depicted in FIGS. 1-2 whereby there is a lip product and a perfume product dispensed, as shown in FIGS. 3 and 4 one receptacle 33 may be used for a facial product such as a powder, a cream, etc. The facial product may be dispensed by a number of means. In one embodiment, the facial product may be dispensed by means of a receptacle 33 having a rollerball arrangement as described above. In one embodiment, the rollerball arrangement may be provided with a spring as described above. The surface of the roller ball may be smooth or slightly roughened

depending on the consistency of the product to be dispensed. Alternatively, the facial product may be dispensed by means of a brush 35 that is attached to the inside surface of the cap and which extends into the receptacle where it contacts a facial material such as blush, powder, cream etc. See FIG. 6.

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[Please replace paragraph [0042] with the following amended paragraph:]

[0042] FIGS. 5 and 6 show a container of the present invention for a lip product and a[[n]] nail product in a single package. The receptacle 32 may contain a nail product. The nail product may be a nail polish, or a hardener that is applied over a nail polish etc. The nail product may be dispensed by means of an applicator that is in the form of a brush 35 or other suitable means. The brush 34 may be attached to the inside of the cap by a shaft 34, generally located toward the center of the inside top surface of the cap in the sleeve. By the term cap is meant a cap as shown in FIG. 1C or the threaded interior of the sleeve where the side wall 16 constitutes the surface for appending the shaft. In shaft. In an alternative embodiment, the receptacle 33 may contain an eye product. The eye product may be a mascara[[-]], an eye liner, etc. In another embodiment the eye product may be dispensed by a rollerball arrangement in a receptacle similar to the receptacle 22 as described above, by an applicator 35 that extends from the cap into the receptacle or other suitable means. In one embodiment the applicator may be a doe foot applicator 26. See FIG. 14. In a further embodiment there can exist a multitude of combinations. For example the present invention can consist of a rollerball applicator for applying facial

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products and a brush for applying facial makeup and the like. Another embodiment of the present invention is one receptacle is a brush and the second receptacle has a doe foot applicator for applying a facial product, and the like.

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[0045] FIG. 10 is a cut away view of the container of FIG. 9. The receptacle 41 has a threaded neck (See FIG. 2) the mates with threads in the sleeve. There is a rollerball on the end of the receptacle that is pushed down when the receptacle 41 is threaded into the sleeve. The retraction of the roller ball seals the product in the receptacle. The arrangement of the rollerball and spring in the receptacle 41 are described in more detail in our U.S. Pat. No. 5,526,960. At the end of the container 40 opposite the receptacle 41 may be a lip applicator. One embodiment of the lip applicator is shown in more detail in FIG. 10. The lip applicator 51 has an application surface 46 that is shaped similar to the traditional shape of lip sticks where on side of the applicator surface is provided with a taper. In a preferred embodiment the applicator surface is a soft plastic material. The lip applicator surface is provided with at least one orifice 49 for lip product to exit the interior of the container to be applied by a user. The product 47 is pushed out the orifice by a driving member 48 that is provided with a upper surface 50 that has the same shape as the interior surface 52 of the applicator surface [[51]] 46. Driving member 48 rises in the interior of the applicator and forces product out through the orifice 49. By having the upper surface of the driving member with the same general shape as the interior surface

of the applicator surface more product is evacuated from the applicator than would otherwise be possible. The driving member 48 can be caused to rise in the applicator by any suitable means. In one embodiment the driving member 48 can be driven by a threaded post 60. As threaded post 60 turns the threads interact with the threads 63 on first and second retaining members 61 and 62. Threaded post 60 is provided with a tapered end 64 for ease of insertion between retaining members 61 and 62. As the sleeve 44 is turned the post 60 is driven upwardly forcing product out through the orifice. Cap 42 is preferably provided with a post 65 to seal the orifice. The mechanism shown in FIG. 10 is just representative of the types of mechanisms that may be used.

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